

chip cookies. His childhood friends, Tim and Vince Laria and college friend, Lee Daniels were also frequent visitors over the years which made Dave very happy. His friend Jesse Bacon was also someone who was a big supporter of Dave when he became ill.

Dave was previously employed by the Maritime Administration as a Marine Surveyor which was also a job he loved. Dave's true passion was deep sea fishing out of Oregon Inlet and Hatteras, NC. He was known for his ability to always find the Tuna and Marlin on fishing trips. After high school and through college he worked as a mate on charter boats there. He attended Virginia Tech, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Dave also earned the Professional Engineer designation by passing the exam on his first try. During his High School years he achieved the highest honor in scouting, Eagle Scout, which he was very proud of.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to rise with me in memory of Mr. Harry David "Dave" Jansohn and in thanking the Jansohn family for his incredible sacrifices, devotion, and service to our Nation; words cannot express our gratitude.

KIMBERLY SEREFF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kimberly Sereff of the American Federation of Government Employees on her retirement.

For thirty years, Kimberly has tirelessly served the Federal government within multiple agencies and across a variety of positions. Kimberly started her public service career as a Federal Investigator with the Office of Personal Management. Three years later, she took a position conducting compliance investigations for the U.S. Department of Labor. After eight years of service, she moved to the U.S. Department of Housing where she was recognized with the Award of Excellence presented by the Secretary of HUD for her assistance during Hurricane Katrina disaster relief efforts in 2006. Her hard work and dedication to public service is tremendous.

In addition to her service to the Federal government, Kimberly has been very active with the Big Brothers, Big Sisters organization. In 2011 and 2012 she was awarded by the organization for her volunteer and mentoring efforts. I have had the opportunity to meet with Kimberly on several occasions and I have been inspired by her work ethic and contributions to our community.

I wish Kimberly all the best in retirement and send gratitude for her service to our community, the State of Colorado, and the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I missed Roll Call 265 on September 21, 2021. Had I been present, my vote would have been Yea.

CONGRATULATING OCEAN OF LOVE ON THEIR 23RD ANNUAL BILLBOARD RADIOTHON

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ocean of Love on their 23rd Annual Billboard Radiothon. As September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, it is imperative that we rededicate ourselves to finding a cure for childhood cancers that impact thousands of families across my district.

During this three day event, Ocean of Love for Children with Cancer has a goal of raising \$109,000 so they can continue their mission of providing excellent support to families facing unimaginable challenges.

Founded in 1988, Ocean of Love has helped over 500 families by providing varying levels of support including grocery gift cards, household expense assistance, scholarships, and caretaker support. Ocean of Love is there to share in the celebration of winning the battle and provides invaluable support for families facing life's hardest tragedy—the loss of a child. Through their bereavement group both for parents and siblings, Ocean of Love is there to stand shoulder to shoulder with Ocean County families.

I commit to them and to families across my district that I will continue supporting efforts to increase research into childhood disease and continue fighting for environmental protections to protect children's health for generations to come. I would like to commend Ocean of Love for their tireless efforts on behalf of these families and wish them all the best with their Radiothon. Thank you for being there to let the families here in Ocean County know that they will never be in this fight alone.

RECOGNIZING JONATHON CLARK

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jonathon Clark, an outstanding resident and community advocate in Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

Jonathon Clark was known for his unwavering commitment to helping others in need and ministering to the spiritual needs of those who knew him. In 2019, Mr. Clark accepted his call to preach and did so many times from the pulpit at City Covenant Church in Detroit, where he quickly became a fixture in church leadership. From this place of faith, Mr. Clark demonstrated by example what a man should be. Whether tending to his beautiful family with whom he was gifted upon his marriage to Dawn Wilson-Clark, cooking gourmet meals at home or for a hundred at church, or giving his talents to a number of community works, he was a man who was always aware of the great responsibility we each hold to be good towards one another and of his role in the bigger role in God's plan.

Jonathon was beloved by community members of all ages. He was a caring mentor to

young people and he never shied away from offering a helping hand. Jonathon always followed through on any task he set his mind to. Young people loved him because of his direct honesty and unmasked concern for them. He served in many roles in various community-based organizations, including Chair of the Board for 482forward, board member of The Brightmoor Alliance, Brightmoor Soup, and he was the coordinator for summer camp at City Covenant, where he founded Talking is Teaching, an early children's literacy program, and he served as assistant director of the work experience program at Loyola High School. Jonathon's work in the community has touched the lives of many. In his advocacy on behalf of his neighbors in the Brightmoor community of Detroit, he was fearless in standing up for his community.

Please join me in recognizing Jonathon Clark's outstanding contributions to the communities of Detroit and Michigan's 13th Congressional District, as we honor his memory.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHANNY ROSARIO PICHARDO

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Marine Sergeant Johnny Rosario Pichardo, a daughter of Lawrence, Massachusetts. She and twelve other brave American servicemembers tragically lost their lives on Thursday, August 26th at the Abbey Gate of the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Sergeant Rosario Pichardo will be remembered as a hero for her valiant service and commitment to protecting the freedoms and values that all Americans hold dear. This tragic loss serves as a reminder that when our troops bravely volunteer to serve, both they and their loved ones sacrifice more than we can ever imagine. My heart goes out to Sergeant Rosario Pichardo's family and friends during this difficult time.

Sergeant Rosario Pichardo's legacy lives on through the many people who carry her memory forward. In particular, the residents of Lawrence, especially those who knew her well, will remember her passion for service and her commitment to family.

I am grateful for heroes like Sergeant Johnny Rosario Pichardo who volunteer to risk everything to make the United States and the world a better place and are prepared to give what President Lincoln called the "last full measure of their devotion." We are incredibly fortunate that such brave men and women are among us.

Sergeant Johnny Rosario Pichardo and her fellow servicemembers represented the very best our country has to offer. They will never be forgotten.

EQUAL ACCESS TO THE RIGHT NUTRITION FOR MILITARY FAMILIES ACT (EARN ACT)

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today, my colleague, Mr. FORTENBERRY of Nebraska, and I will introduce the bipartisan Equal Access to the Right Nutrition Act for Military Families—better known as the EARN Act.

The food insecurity rate among active-duty military families is 14 percent higher than the national average of 10.5 percent.

This affects service members from all ranks, especially junior enlisted as well as service members of color.

The EARN Act is an innovative solution to this problem that will increase military family access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—commonly known as Foods Stamps or SNAP.

It removes variability in state administered SNAP programs by establishing a federally administered SNAP benefit for military families with streamlined national eligibility requirements for military households.

It encourages participation in SNAP by requiring the U.S. Department of Defense to notify qualifying military families of their eligibility and automatically enroll families in the program unless they decide to opt out.

Finally, it eases the transition back to civilian life by establishing a transitional, temporary SNAP benefit for those leaving service.

When a person makes the commitment and sacrifice to serve our country in the military, we must honor this by ensuring that their basic needs are met.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF 9/11 ARTICLE BY JAMES PATTERSON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize this article by James Patterson that originally appeared in The Montgomery Advertiser, September 9, 2016:

[From the Montgomery Advertiser, September 9, 2016]

ALABAMIAN RECALLS SEPT. 11, 2001

(By Jim Patterson, Alabama Voices)

Sept. 11, 2001, began like many busy mornings for me. I was in my Washington office and ready to leave for an appointment with a colleague near Georgetown University. Later, I had a meeting on Capitol Hill and after that, I planned to take Amtrak to Penn Station in New York.

Moments before I left the office, a radio news presenter said a plane had hit the World Trade Center in New York. This news astonished me! I stopped to hear more. While I waited for news, I reasoned a small aircraft with an amateur pilot could have hit one of the Twin Towers.

As a longtime traveler to New York, colleagues had told me stories of pilots in small

planes that had hit tall apartment buildings. This happens in New York. I proceeded to leave for my appointment.

The radio presenter then said a commercial jet had flown into the World Trade Center. This boggled my mind as I knew jets did not fly so low as to hit the World Trade Center. It had to be a hoax, I assumed.

When the radio presenter said the image was on the network news, I had to see it for myself. I was stunned to see billowing black smoke from the North Tower. An incredible pilot error, I thought. I thought perhaps the pilot died in the cockpit and lost control of the airliner causing it to crash into the tower. Still, I had doubts as I stood speechless watching the horrible images.

Within a few minutes, I witnessed a second airliner crash in the South Tower. It was a day of unspeakable events and lost friends. Shortly after 9:30 that morning, the windows in my office, situated near the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, rattled. I looked out the window and saw black smoke billowing in the distance from Virginia. Nearly 200 people died at the Pentagon that morning.

President George W. Bush was in Florida that morning with Vice President Dick Cheney in the White House. Members of Congress were evacuated to safety. Cheney decided to stay in The White House and issued military orders to shoot down any plane out of its flight path. Washington DC was a war zone!

Federal employees were ordered home. Military and National Guard troops quickly appeared to safeguard property and citizens. In a short time, the highways leaving Washington DC became clogged with cars. Many vehicles ran out of gas. Stranded motorists walked away from their cars. Washington's Metrorail was closed in several directions. Washington's mayor ordered businesses closed and residents to stay indoors.

Being a brave Alabama sort, I decided to go for a walk down a deserted Pennsylvania Avenue at around 10:30 a.m. I saw no cars and no people. A military vehicle with troops passed me by. Relieved they did not arrest me, I awkwardly waved at them. Two troops awkwardly waved in response.

In an episode of the 1960s TV program The Twilight Zone called "Time Enough at Last" a middle-aged bank teller longs for a life where he can read without the distraction of work. When he accidentally gets locked overnight in a bank vault and exits the next morning to find his town destroyed by terrorists, he is alone in the world.

As I disobeyed U.S. government orders to stay inside my office, I casually walked down a deserted Pennsylvania Avenue. I felt I was alone in the world. Perhaps this was the last walk I would ever make if more terrorism by commercial airliner took me away.

I stopped at a neighborhood restaurant to see a sign on the door. "Closed. Go home," it read. I walked to a barbershop and saw men inside fearful to wave back at me.

I saw fear on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. I saw confusion. I wondered when it would be over. Fifteen years on, the threat of terrorism is not over. It is, sadly, a fact of life for all Americans everywhere in the world.

James Patterson, a former U.S. diplomat, is a writer and speaker based in Washington, D.C., and a life member of the Auburn University Alumni Association.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this article by James Patterson.

RECOGNIZING P.J. MELVIN, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK'S 2021 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor P.J. Melvin, who will receive the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's 2021 Achievement Award at their Halfway to St. Patrick's Day event on Friday, September 24, 2021.

P.J. was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania. A lifetime resident of the area, he has lived in the family homestead since he was born. In 1964, P.J. graduated from Pittston High School, earning the title of Outstanding Senior Boy. He continued his education at King's College, graduating with degrees in sociology and English education. While at King's, he played on the football team and could be found on stage acting in Shakespearean plays.

After graduating from King's, P.J. began his career as an educator at St. Cecilia's Junior High School in Exeter, Pennsylvania. He then joined the teaching staff at the Wyoming Area School District where he held several educational positions during his tenure.

P.J. is actively involved in many community organizations and he has dedicated his time to serve in leadership roles. He is a former president of the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council No. 372 where he previously held the position of Grand Knight.

P.J. is known for his love of Pittston, and his presence has been a mainstay in the community for generations. Always seeing the potential of his beloved hometown, he served his community and fellow citizens as a Pittston City councilman. He was instrumental in starting the Pittston Tomato Festival, an event that attracts thousands of visitors downtown annually, and he was part of the effort to bring the statue of President John F. Kennedy to Kennedy Boulevard in the city. In 2019, P.J. was unanimously chosen by the Parade Committee to serve as Grand Marshal for the Pittston St. Patrick's Day Parade.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in recognizing P.J. as the recipient of the 2021 Achievement Award. I admire P.J.'s lifetime of dedication to the Greater Pittston area, and I wish him all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SHULTS AUTO GROUP IN JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of Shults Auto Group in Jamestown, New York, and congratulate the Shults Family for reaching this milestone.